

REMARKS:

Claims 2 and 15-17 are in the case and presented for consideration.

Claim 2 has been amended to highlight the distinction between the presently claimed invention and the cited reference.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 2 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,773,423 to Jacobson et al. ("Jacobson et al.").

The Office notes that Jacobson et al. discloses N⁶-(3-iodobenzyl)-9-[β-D-ribofuranosyl]adenine, which is seen to be equivalent to 6-(3-iodobenzylamino)purine riboside.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2 and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of Jacobson et al. The Office sees 6-(2-iodobenzylamino) purine riboside and 6-(4-iodobenzylamino) purine riboside to be obvious variants of 6-(3-iodobenzylamino) purine riboside, being, it is stated in the Official Action, positional isomers thereof.

Claims 2 and 15-17 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,514,405 to ("Irmischer et al."). The Office sees 6-(3-fluorobenzylamino) purine riboside and 6-(4-fluorobenzylamino) purine riboside to be obvious variants of 6-(2-fluorobenzylamino) purine riboside, being, it is stated in the Official Action, positional isomers thereof.

Claim 2 has been amended to clarify that it neither contains any of the compounds disclosed in Jacobson et al. or Irmscher et al., nor any positional isomers thereof.

Therefore, because Jacobson et al. and Irmscher et al. fail, both individually and in combination, to disclose or suggest elements of currently amended independent claim 2, from which claims 15-17 depend, they not anticipate or render obvious any of the claims currently in the case.

Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants believe that all the claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action is respectfully requested. Should there be any issues that have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney.

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